

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ashwin Anil Gumaste et al.  
Serial No.: 10/722,856  
Filing Date: November 26, 2003  
Confirmation No.: 8578  
Group Art Unit: 2664  
Title: Optical Ring Network with Optical Subnets and Method

**MAIL STOP: AMENDMENTS**

Commissioner For Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, that the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application.

Pursuant to the changes to C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications have not been provided. References other than U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

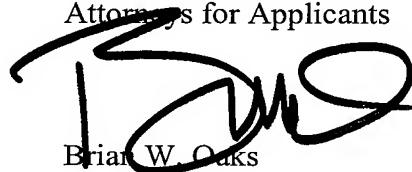
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), Applicants make no representation that these documents qualify as prior art or that these documents are material to patentability of the present application or that a search has been made.

**REMARKS**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), Applicants believe that this Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of the first Official Action in this case. Therefore, Applicants believe that no fee is due. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts, L.L.P.

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	<b>A</b>	2002/0186432	12/02/2002	Roorda et al.			
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